

Donations for the Library were announced from the Observatories of Turin, Dorpat and Prag; the Academies and Geological Societies of Berlin and Vienna; the Natural History Societies at Bonn, Harlem, Bordeaux, Montreal, Salem and Philadelphia; the Antiquarian and Historical Societies at Copenhagen and Worcester; the Oriental S. at New Haven; the London Meteorological, Chemical and Zoological Societies; Sir James Clarke, Charles Ritter d' Elvert of Brünn; Prof. C. H. Hitchcock, Dr. S. D. Gross, the Surgeon General U. S., and the Public Library of Cincinnati.

The death of Prof. Cleveland, in Philadelphia, August 18, aged 67, was announced by Prof. Trego.

And the Society was adjourned.

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*Stated Meeting, Sept. 17, 1869.*

Present, seven members.

MR. FRALEY, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter accepting membership was received from Joseph D. Hooker, dated Royal Gardens, Kew, July 12th, 1869.

Letters acknowledging receipt of Transactions XIII. 3, were received from the Boston Pub. Lib.; Mass. Hist. Soc.; Harvard, Yale, and Amherst College Libraries; New York Hist. S., Hospital, and State Library.

Letters acknowledging receipt of Proc. 81, were received from the Essex Inst.; Boston Pub. Lib.; N. Y. Hist. Soc., and Cincinnati Observatory.

A letter from M. Carlier to Mr. Durand was read, promising the official documents in the matter of the Michaux Legacy to be forwarded by the hands of Mr. Biddle now in Europe. All the forms of French law are now satisfied, and M. Germain of Pontoise has given M. Carlier a receipt in full of all demands in settlement of fees.

Mr. Price, after remarks explanatory of Michaux's known tastes and intentions, offered the following:

*Resolved,* That the Committee on the Michaux Legacy be authorized

to make inquiry whether the trust under the will of André Francis Michaux may not be executed in whole or in part within the Fairmount Park; with authority to communicate with the Commissioners of the Park upon the subject; and to make report to the Society.

The resolution was agreed to.

A letter from Mr. Sullivant to Mr. James was read, referring to the discovery of a posthumous work by Schwarz the bryologist. On motion, permission was granted to Mr. James to select from the Muhlenberg herbarium certain mosses for Mr. Sullivant to examine, in reference to Schwarz's determinations, to be returned to their places in the herbarium.

Donations for the Library were received from the Berlin Academy, Teyler Museum, Paris Geographical and London R. Astronomical Societies, Mr. Scudder at Boston, Silliman's Journal, the Franklin Institute and the Medical News.

"The Arawak Language of Guiana in its Linguistic and Ethnological Relations," by D. G. Brinton, M. D., was offered for publication in the Transactions, and referred to a committee consisting of Mr. Lesley, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Haldeman.

"A second addition to the History of the Fishes of the Cretaceous of the United States, by Edward D. Cope," without illustrations, was read by title and referred to the Board of Secretaries.

"The maintaining Forces of Cosmical Motions," was the title of a paper read before the Society, by Judge Lowrie; a discussion ensued in which Mr. Price, Mr. Lesley and Mr. Fraley took part. Mr. Lesley dissented from the opinions expressed in the paper, so far as any claim was set up to a discovery calculated to effect a radical change in the accepted methods of regarding planetary motion.

Mr. Marsh described the peculiarities of the Meteor of August 24th, and others, belonging as he suspected to a group passing the earth during the day time in the United States, and therefore only the last of which became visible at or after sundown.

Pending nominations Nos. 227 to 640, and new nominations 641, 642, were read. And the Society was adjourned.